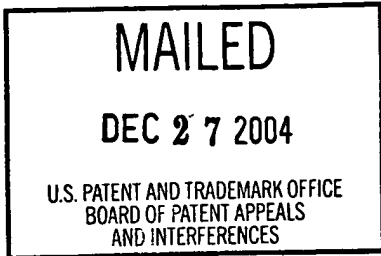


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte BUNJI INAGAKI,
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Application No. 09/752,836

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 9, 2004. A review of the application reveals that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

Appellants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on January 22, 2004. There is no indication within the Image File Wrapper (IFW) that the examiner considered the disclosure statement or notified appellants of the results of his consideration.

Accordingly, it is


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ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for consideration of the IDS filed January 22, 2004, notification to appellants in writing of consideration, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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